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## GOVERNMENT OF GOA

### Department of Co-operation

#### Notification

42/4/2008/TS/RCS/3137

Date: 06-Dec-2024

In exercise of the powers conferred by Government under section 4 of the Goa Co-operative Societies Act, 2001 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) and Goa Co-operative Societies Rules, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as “the Rules”), I, the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Government of Goa in exercise of powers conferred under section 123B of the Act hereby delegate the powers to be exercised by the Co-operative Officer/Special Auditor under section 76B of the Act to all in-service Departmental Auditors not below the rank of Audit Assistants classified as “B” class of Auditor and empanelled in terms of section 74 read with rule 112A.

All such in-service Departmental Auditors are hereby empowered for the purpose of conducting the inspection of co-operative credit societies and other co-operative societies engaged in credit business in a manner required under section 76B of the Act.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa

*Arvind Bugde*, Registrar of Co-operative Societies & Ex-Officio Joint Secretary (Cooperation).

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**Notification**

60/180/Core Commi./2022-23/TS-I/RCS/1818

Date: 23-Aug-2024

As mandated under Rule 50 of the Goa Cooperative Societies Rule, 2003, all the Cooperative Societies registered under the Goa Cooperative Societies Act, 2001 and Rules 2003 are hereby notified about the Audit and Return filings facility through the office portal <https://www.coopgoa.gov.in/OnlineServices.aspx>

It is therefore enjoined upon all the Cooperative Societies to upload their audited Statements of Accounts on the above portal in compliance with the statutory requirements of Section 73, 74 and 75 of the Goa Cooperative Societies Act, 2001.

Given under the seal of the office

*Arvind V. Bugde*, Registrar of Co-op. Societies & Ex- officio Joint Secretary.

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**Corrigendum**

41/4/2008/TS/RCS/Vol.II/3413

Date: 01-Jan-2025

- Read:
1. No. 41/4/2008/TS/RCS/Vol.II/2755 dated 20-Oct-2023.
  2. No. 41/4/2008/TS/RCS/Vol.II/4868 dated 15-Mar-2023.
  3. No. 41/4/2008/TS/RCS/Vol.II/1001 dated 28-Jun-2024.
  4. No. 41/1/92/TS/RCS dated 28-Jan-2004.

In the model guidelines for One Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme/OTS Scheme for all the Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Societies / Multipurpose/Urban Cooperative credit Societies in the State of Goa referred in the Notification dated 20/10/2023 at Sr. No.1 above, the clause No.1- Eligibility Criteria, Clause 4- Operative Period and Clause 7- Dam duppat Scheme may be read as under;-

**1. Eligibility Criteria :**

Sub Clause 'A' be read as "The Loanee Member having made capital investment or working capital investment in business or in Agriculture or in allied agricultural activities and suffered operating loss in such business and unable to repay the outstanding dues of the society, is shown in the doubtful 1 category (24 months period from the date of default). All such Loan Accounts which are classified as NPA (doubtful 1 category) upto 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and are still outstanding for the reasons mentioned above, will be eligible for the benefit under the OTS Scheme."

Sub Clause 'D' be read as "It shall be the discretion of the Board to decide on merit and within the guidelines of the OTS Scheme, for the cases which are to be considered or rejected. The Society should have made adequate NPA provision in the Audited statement of Accounts towards such irrecoverable bad debts for the purpose of applicability of the OTS scheme."

**Clause 4-** Operating period may be read as "The last date of application to avail the OTS Scheme shall be decided by the Board however the same shall not be extended beyond 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025" from the date of issue of revised guidelines.

**Clause 7-** Cutoff date for OTS under Dam Duppat Scheme as specified in cases mentioned at “a” and at “b” may be read as 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024” in place of 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022.

All other contents of the guidelines of the one Time Settlement Scheme 2023 referred above at Sr. No.1 shall remain unchanged.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa  
Arvind V. Bugde, Registrar of Coop. Societies & Ex-officio Joint Secretary.

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**Department of Handicrafts, Textile & Coir**

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**Notification**

4/40/2017-HT&C/44

Date: 21-Mar-2025

Read : (1) Notification No. 4/40/2017/HT&C/37 dated 06-07-2020 published in the Official Gazette, Serial 1 No.16 dated 16-07-2020.

**1)** The following Clause shall be replaced in the 5<sup>th</sup> clause of the “**Benefits under the Scheme**” criteria of the Scheme as:

(a) Financial assistance for the purchase of tools has been enhanced to **Rs.5000/-**.

The amount will be reimbursed to the Artisan for having purchased the tools while undergoing skill training or on completion of the training. Artisans have to produce the bill/voucher/receipt from the person who had custom made or sold the tools to the artisan.

(b) Department of Handicrafts, Textile and Coir shall procure raw material and provide to the artisans free of cost as handholding support for the initial period of **180 days** and can be extended for another **90 days**.

(c) Handholding support shall be provided to the artisans after completion of the training for those who are interested to take up the trade as a profession. Further whatever production they do, can be given to them at subsidized rate to sell in the open market or at exhibition/fair etc. Department may also give these items to GHRSSIDC at the subsidized rate.

(d) Financial assistance to participate in the fairs and exhibitions in the State and outside the State shall be provided.

1. Full stall rentals not exceeding **Rs.15,000/-** for their participation in exhibitions **within the State**.

2. Full stall rentals not exceeding **Rs.20,000/-** for their participation in exhibitions **outside the State**.

3.a) Actual travelling allowance shall be provided as per the 2<sup>nd</sup> class Railway fare or common bus fare to the place of exhibition and back.

b) D.A. of **Rs.600/-per day** shall be given during exhibition period, while travelling and during their stay within the State.

c) D.A. of **Rs.800/-per day** shall be given during exhibition period, while travelling and during their stay outside the State.

d) Maximum **Rs.1000/-per day** shall be given for accommodation.

e) Maximum **Rs.1000/- per day** for transportation of their products and for miscellaneous expenditure.

f) Maximum 20 stalls can be allotted per exhibition and 2 artisans per stall may be permitted.

g) Financial assistance up to **Rs.3,00,000/-** per artisan may be given to participate in the exhibition, trade and fairs outside India which will include Stall rent, Airfare extra baggage fees, accommodation, food, local travel expenses etc. Maximum 4 artisans may be sponsored per exhibition. Artisan may bear the expenditure over &

above Rs.3.00 lakhs. Sponsorship will be provided only for 2 exhibitions for a financial year that is from April to March.

4. The committee Constituted under clause 8(2) shall decide the prescribed subsidized rate with the approval of the Government of each items produced under various trades for handholding support.

5. a) Stipend of **Rs.250/-** per working day shall be paid to trainees undergoing handholding support program.

b) Power loom artisans shall be paid with piece rate for the cloth woven. Therefore the maximum stipend including piece rate shall be **Rs.500/-** per day.

6. a) Notification No. 24/21/2009-LAB-III/(20)570 dated 11/08/2023 (Series 1 No.19, Extraordinary No.2, official Gazette. Govt. of Goa) issued by the Under Secretary (Labour) namely “Employment in Cotton Textile, Cotton Spinning, Cotton Pressing, Yarn Spinning and Weaving includes Handloom Weaving” shall be applicable for all the trades of the handicrafts.

b) Explanation /definition of categories under the Scheme.

(1) Unskilled: Unskilled work is one which involves simple operation requiring no skill and includes labourers, helpers, sweepers/hamals, coolies etc.

(2) Semi Skilled: The artisans those who are availing training and taking handholding support.

(3) Skilled: The artisans those who are trained and eligible to conduct training classes and those who are actual in production of the handicrafts items.

(4) Highly Skilled: The artisans those who possess the Diploma or Degree of the handicraft trades.

2) The following 7<sup>th</sup> clause of the “**Conditions of sanction under the Scheme**” criteria of the Scheme shall be replaced.

4(b) Applications received under the Scheme will be scrutinized by the Inspector and the proposal for sanction of the benefit under the Scheme will be placed before the committee constituted under clause 8(2) of the Scheme for the recommendation.

c) The committee constituted at clause 8(2) of the Scheme shall prepare the assessment criteria for each trade of the work done by the Artisans on daily basis in order to work out the incentives to be paid to the artisans.

d) The assessment criteria once prepared shall be approved by the Government.

e) Artisans shall be given the incentives as handholding support for the initial period of **180 days** and can be extended for another **90 days**.

f) Artisans shall be paid stipend/incentives of **Rs.250/-** per day. In addition to stipend, the power loom artisans shall be paid with the piece rate for the fabric woven during the handholding support program. Therefore the maximum stipend including piece rate shall be **Rs.500/-** per day as per the assessment criteria fixed as per the clause 5(5).

3) The following Clause in the 8th clause of the “**Application & procedure for sanctioning**” criteria of the Scheme shall be replaced.

(1) Application in the prescribed form along with the required documents shall be submitted to Department of Handicrafts, Textile & Coir.

(2) The Director of Handicrafts, Textile & Coir shall constitute committee of 3 members to recommend the application for membership.

The committee shall consist of:

- i) Assistant Director/Technical Officer as Chairman,
- ii) Inspector/Handicrafts Inspector
- iii) Designer

(3) The committee shall scrutinize the application and place before the Director, (HT&C) for sanction.

(4) The Director shall be the Sanctioning Authority.

4) The following clause shall be replaced in the 10<sup>th</sup> clause of the “**Reports**” criteria of the Scheme as: Reports in the prescribed proforma should be submitted to the Director every month.

5) The following 11<sup>th</sup> clause “**Evaluation of the Scheme**” of the Scheme shall be replaced as: Scheme will be valid up to **31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**. Performance of the Scheme will be evaluated after one year, and necessary decision will be taken by the Government.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Goa  
Darshani S. Dessai, Under Secretary (HT& C)

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**Department of Home**

Home--General Division

**Order**

9/18/2024-HD(G)/345

Date: 29-Jan-2025

**In pursuance to the Order dated 09.12.2024 passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India in Criminal Appeal Nos. 2831 of 2023 and 2832 of 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the “Impugned Order”) the Government hereby frames the following general Guidelines in order to ensure prompt and expeditious processing of the mercy petitions filed by the Death row convicts.**

1. In order to curb inordinate and unexplained delay on the part of the Executive Authorities while dealing with the mercy petitions filed by the convicts of the death sentence, a ‘Dedicated Cell’ should be set up by the Prison Department of the State of Goa having its components as articulated in the Impugned Order.
2. Immediately on receipt of intimation of the confirmation by the High Court of a sentence of death on a prisoner or of the dismissal by the Supreme Court of the appeal or the application for special leave to appeal to it lodged by or on behalf or on the convict, in case the prisoner concerned has made no previous petition for mercy, the Jail Superintendent shall forthwith inform him (the prisoner) that if he desire to submit a petition for mercy it should be submitted in writing within seven days of the date of such intimation.
3. A prisoner under sentence of death shall be allowed, if he has not already submitted a petition for mercy, for the preparation and submission of a petition for mercy, seven days after, and exclusive of, the date on which the Superintendent of Jail informs him of the dismissal by the Supreme Court of his appeal or of his application for special leave to appeal to the Supreme Court.
4. In cases where no appeal to the Supreme Court or no application for special leave to it, has been lodged by or on behalf of the convict, the said period of seven days shall be counted from the date next after the date on which the time allowed for an appeal to the Supreme Court or for lodging an application for special leave to appeal to it, expires. On expiry of such time, if the prisoner has made no previous petition for mercy, it shall be the duty of the Jail Superintendent to inform the prisoner concerned that if he desires to submit a petition for mercy he should do so in writing within seven days of the date of such intimation.
5. If the prisoner submits a petition within the period of seven days as prescribed above or even after the prescribed period, the Superintendent at once/without any delay shall forward the copies thereof to the dedicated cell and simultaneously call for the following details/information from the officer-in-charge of the concern Police Station and/or concern investigation agency:-

- a. The criminal antecedents of the convict;

- b. Information about the family members of the convict;
  - c. Economic condition of the convict and his/her family;
  - d. The date of arrest of the convict and the period of incarceration as an under-trial; and,
  - e. The date of filing charge-sheet and a copy of the committal order, if any.
6. On receipt of the request made by the Superintendent of the Jail, the officer-in-charge of the concern police station shall be under an obligation to furnish the said information to the Jail authority within 48 hours.
7. On receipt of the said information from the concerned Police Station, without any delay, the Jail Superintendent shall forward the following documents to the officer-in-charge of the dedicated cell and Secretary of the Home Department of the State of Goa along with the following documents:-
- a. Information furnished as aforesaid by the concerned Police Station with its English translation.
  - b. Copy of the First Information Report with its English Translation.
  - c. Details such as date of arrest of the convict, date of filing of charge-sheet and actual period of incarceration undergone by the convict.
  - d. A copy of the committal order, if any, passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate.
  - e. A copy of charge-sheet with its English translation.
  - f. Report about the conduct of the convict in prison.
  - g. Copies of the notes of evidence, all exhibited documents in the trial and copies of statements of convicts under Section 313 of the CrPC with its English translation.
  - h. Copies of the judgments of the Sessions Court (with its English translation, if it is in vernacular language), High Court and this Court.
8. As soon as Mercy petition is received by the dedicated cell, the copies of the Mercy petition shall be forwarded to the Secretariat of the Hon'ble Governor of the State of Goa or the President of India, as the case may be, so that the Secretariat can initiate action at their end.
9. The above guidelines shall be followed alongside the provisions provided under "*Chapter XII – Prisoners Sentence to Death*" of the Goa Prisons Rules, 2021 while dealing with *mercy petitions* of death row convicts.
10. All the correspondence, as far as possible, shall be mailed by email, unless confidentiality is involved.
11. No guidelines can be offered for the role of Sessions Court, and thus, the authority may consider the directions contained in the Impugned Order while dealing with the death row convicts.

These guidelines shall come into effect with immediate effect.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Goa  
Manesh Hari Kedar, Under Secretary (Home-I)

**Department of Information and Publicity****Order**

DIP/ADMN/REVIVAL/24/2024-25/9506

Date: 17-Mar-2025

Sanction of the Government is hereby accorded for revival of the following posts in the Department Information and Publicity, Panaji.

Sr. No	Name of the Post	No. of Posts	Pay Scale
1	Section Officer	01	Level 7
2	Senior Stenographer	01	Level 6
3	Junior Stenographer (English)	05	Level 4
4	Lower Division Clerk	05	Level 2
5	Multi Tasking Staff	05	Level 1

This issues with the approval of the Personnel Department vide No.3011/F dated 30/10/2024 and with the concurrence of the Fin (Rev.& Cont.) Department vide U.O No. 1400081457 dated 18/02/2025.

This supersedes earlier Order No. DIP/Admn/Revival/24/2024-25/9257 dated. 07/03/2025.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa

*Dipak M. Bandekar*, Director, Information & Publicity & Ex-Officio Addl. Secretary.

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